



MINUTES OF THE MARKETS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 6th MARCH 2024

Councillors Present: Cllr Craig Skinner (Chair)
Cllrs Alexander Evelyn, Emily Fedorowycz, Clark Mitchell and Mark Rowley,

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk

Item Number	Description
ME23/36	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dell, Wright and York. Cllr Mitchell attended as a substitute for Cllr Wright
ME23/37	Declarations of interest None declared
ME23/38	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 31 st January 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair
ME23/39	Events Schedule 2023/4 Progress report A report was submitted on the events programme to date, primarily updating on the cost profile. The likely spend for the year was £120,350, compared to a budget of £120,000. Whilst Christmas events had overspent, this had been balanced by savings on Kettering by the Sea and other events. RESOLVED that the report be noted.
ME23/40	Remembrance Day 2024 The clerk reported on the outcome of a meeting with the Royal British Legion, which had taken place recently. Revised arrangements for Remembrance Sunday had been discussed alongside other initiatives being planned by the RBL. Members endorsed the proposal that the Remembrance Sunday parade should be formed up at the top of Gold St, and proceed to the Market Place where the ceremony of remembrance would take place around a drumhead formed

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	<p>there, rather than at the war memorial. Wreaths would then be relocated to the war memorial.</p> <p>The committee was also advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The RBL would conduct a service of remembrance in the London Rd cemetery on the 80th anniversary of D day- That Armed Forces day would be a component part of the June Summer Saturday- That Armistice Day would be marked by a small service on the 11th November at the war memorial- That discussions had begun with NNC about the potential transfer of ownership of the war memorial to the Town Council and that, if these proceeded, a report would be made to Council in due course. <p>RESOLVED to note and endorse the proposed arrangements detailed above.</p>
ME23/41	<p>Events Schedule 2024/5</p> <p>The clerk updated on progress in arranging events in 2024. Members asked questions and made a number of suggestions about the detailed arrangements, notably</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Involving a wider range of groups in the summer Saturdays – eg the scouts groups- Extending the events markets throughout the town centre where there was demand from traders- Involving community groups alongside the vegan market- Sharing the distribution list for the event brochure to see if its circulation could be extended- Encouraging regular buskers in the town centre on non event days- Facilitating big screen events either in the town centre or Wicksteed Park <p>RESOLVED that officers follow up on these ideas with community groups, the Kettering Cultural Consortium and Wicksteed Park</p>
ME23/42	<p>Market Performance</p> <p>A report was submitted which summarised the performance of the market in the last month and for the year to date. It was noted that a number of new traders had started recently.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 7.40pm</p>

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